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MEDIA

NBC 12 TV (Phoenix): Reporter Charly seeking information on Golden Kin Mine release – referred to Joint Information Center in Durango, Co. (v) SFUND, OPEN, Bill Keener

KTNV ABC 13/Las Vegas – Reporter David Shuman was seeking information about the possibility of NV losing highway funds if the State fails to attain the new ozone standard. Closed: Niloufar

WEB

Web Updates:

Gold King Mine Spill – Posted links to the [Gold King Mine Spill page](#) on the [About Region 9 page](#) and on the [News and Events page](#).

Arizona Air Actions – Posted a link to the Federal Register notice for the Arizona Lead and Ozone Infrastructure SIP revision to the [News and Events page](#).

San Joaquin Valley Air Actions – Posted a link to the proposed San Joaquin Valley PM2.5 air action to the [San Joaquin Valley Air Actions page](#).

9Online Updates:

Gold King Mine Spill – Posted a banner and links to the [Gold King Mine Spill page](#) on the [9Online homepage](#).

CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick (D-AZ-1): A call was held today with Carmen Gallus, Chief of Staff for the Congresswoman who regarding potential impacts to Lake Powell. Superfund Division's Enrique Manzanilla and Harry Allen along with OPA's Kelly Zito and Bill Keener and Chief of Staff Jessica Kao participated in this call. We provided an update on the monitoring efforts underway and addressed Carmen Gallus' questions regarding Lake Powell and let her know what EPA efforts are underway to address concerns at Lake Powell. In addition, the Congresswoman has sent a letter to EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy expressing concerns about the Gold King Mine release and impacts on Navajo Nation, Northern Arizona, and Lake Powell.

Congressional Outreach on Administrator's Visit to Durango: Brent Maier shared today's HQ press release regarding the Administrator's visit to Durango, CO with Congressional staff in the offices of Senators John McCain and Jeff Flake and Representative Ann Kirkpatrick as well as Coconino County and the City of Page, AZ.

Sen. John McCain (R-AZ): Brent Maier received from Nick Matiella in the Senator's DC office a PDF copy of a letter that Senator John McCain sent a letter to EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy expressing serious concern about the Gold King Mine spill and seeking information on how the EPA intends to address its impact on communities in northern Arizona. A copy of the letter is available upon request.

Rep. Grace Napolitano (D-CA-33): Mary Ann Lutz in the Congresswoman's office reached out to the Front Office regarding the status of her earlier inquiry regarding homeless encampments along the San Gabriel River and to see whether EPA might play a role in addressing this issue. Brent Maier reached out to Harry Allen in our Emergency Response Program and shared some follow up information with the Congresswoman's office. The Congresswoman's office let us know that the Cities of Duarte and Azuza are facing the challenge of a number of homeless encampments along the San Gabriel River, and that the homeless are collecting spent casings from a nearby shooting range and then smelting them in fire pits along the river banks and how these smelting operations have the potential to contaminate the groundwater and/or San Gabriel River. Their office wanted to see whether EPA might be able to offer any assistance to address

this issue. Because these homeless encampments are located along the San Gabriel River, we recommended that their office reach out to the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) – Los Angeles District who would have jurisdiction regarding these homeless encampments and provided contact information for the ACOE Congressional Affairs Office. We also let them know that the Cities of Duarte and Azuza are likely working with their local fire departments and contacts in Los Angeles County regarding potential environmental issues related to these homeless encampments and mentioned that if Los Angeles County officials determine that there is a role for the U.S. EPA's Emergency Response Section, they will reach out to Harry Allen to discuss our potential involvement. Brent Maier spoke with Mary Ann Lutz who let us know that the Congresswoman has Army Corps of Engineers, local and county already on board with the situation and that the Congresswoman's office has invited EPA to participate in an upcoming walking tour on Tuesday, August 25th and follow up meeting at her El Monte Office on Friday, August 28th. Brent has shared this information with Steven Leonido-John and we hope to set up a call with Harry Allen to discuss in the event Steven is able to attend one or both of these upcoming events.

Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA): Brent Maier received an inquiry today from James Peterson, Environmental Counsel in the Senator's DC office who called about the Administrator's statement issued today following the Gold King Mine release regarding ongoing field work by EPA at other mines at that Regional Administrators were instructed to immediately cease any field investigation work at mines including tailings facilities, unless there is imminent risk in a specific case. James wanted to know how many current mines in California that EPA is involved in cleanup operations and whether any of these pose the potential risk such as the Gold King Mine situation. James also would like to know whether EPA is reaching out to other California Resource Agency's to see whether the State of California is also undertaking a review of mine cleanup operations they may be involved in as well. Brent Maier will reach out to John Hillenbrand to see whether we can provide James Peterson with any updated information following the issuance of today's statement by the Administrator.

Rep. Juan Vargas (D-CA-51): Brent Maier received an inquiry from Jen Maldonado with some questions related to an environmental assessment for the Naval Air Station at North Island. Brent will be following up to provide her some information on the different levels of EPA review for environmental assessments, environmental impact reports and environmental impact statements. Brent also referred Ms. Maldonado to follow up with the Federal Aviation Administration and the Department of the Navy with regard to some constituent concerns raised to their office regarding flights by Navy aircraft flying low over populated areas in Imperial County who are complaining about noise and safety concerns.

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OCIR Call for Hot Topics for ECOS Fall 2015 Meeting: OCIR's Andrea Barbary is requesting Regional Hot Topics "bullets" for the upcoming ECOS 2015 Fall Meeting – August 31st – September 2nd in Newport, RI. OCIR is requesting shortened bullets from the earlier Hot Topics submitted for the ECOS 2015 Spring Meeting. **We learned today that Arizona will not be attending the ECOS Fall meeting.** The requested due date is Monday, August 17th.

